

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>v.</b>	)	<b>CRIMINAL No. 2:20-cr-77-DBH</b>
	)	
<b>MUKONKOLE HUGE KIFWA,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>DEFENDANT</b>	)	

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO SEAL  
COOPERATION LANGUAGE IN TRANSCRIPT**

The motion is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**.

The motion is **GRANTED**:

1. As to the Presentence Conference transcript page 10, lines 23-24, redacting the phrase “with the Landon-Class.”
2. As to the Sentencing Hearing transcript page 11 line 15, redacting the phrase “including federal law enforcement.”

The motion is **DENIED**:

1. As to the Sentencing Hearing transcript page 27, lines 5-6, the clause “the arguments that have been made under Landron-Class.”
2. As to the Sentencing Hearing transcript page 27, line 21, the phrase “of Landron-Class.”

The reason for the different treatment is, as I have said repeatedly in other cases and writings, I will consider redacting counsel’s remarks where sufficient grounds are advanced. But I am unwilling to redact the explanation I give for a

sentence I impose because, although the parties may agree on redaction, the public has a right to know the reasons for a judicial sentence. I choose my remarks carefully to avoid unnecessary statements that may invite recrimination from other prisoners, but there is an unavoidable minimum necessary to justify the sentence.

**SO ORDERED.**

**DATED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021**

/s/D. BROCK HORNBY

**D. BROCK HORNBY**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**